

“It is desirable, essential even, to increase the importance of the pleasure of learning a foreign language and, above all, to evaluate the knowledge gained. Students are much more aware of their progress when the competences that need to be attained are clearly defined. A diploma provides a sense of achievement at a personal level, and is an undeniable asset on any CV.”

Valérie Probst-Oswald, KV Zürich Business School

In today's society, diplomas are of particular importance. They attest, prove, and certify knowledge. They are an added bonus when looking for employment, and an asset for further education. They represent a reliable, well-known, and recognised reference. A language diploma has become an undeniable plus for the future of children and adolescents and their professional career prospects.

With the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) B1 and B2 Junior diplomas, adolescents can certify their knowledge of French as part of their compulsory education, during an apprenticeship, or at secondary/grammar school/college. The content of topics has been particularly targeted at the interests of young learners, taking into consideration the development of our society.

Both diplomas quote the reference “DELFD”, however, the addition “Junior” does not appear on the diploma. The diplomas are valid indefinitely. The exam structure is identical to that of the DELFD “Tout public” adult version. Four core competences are tested: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Linguistic competences at levels B1 and B2

With a B1 diploma, which corresponds to the threshold level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), young learners are independent and capable of dealing with everyday situations. They are able to give reasons for opinions and plans, and express their views on concrete topics that appeal to them.

With a B2 diploma, young learners can explain a viewpoint on a topical issue, and produce well-constructed and coherent oral and written discourse. This diploma is also their ticket to studying in Paris, e.g. at the Sorbonne, or any other University in the French-speaking world. B2 diploma holders are exempt from taking French entrance exams.*



* For details on language requirements, please enquire directly at the University in question

A winning diploma.

Help your children and teenagers to increase their confidence. Encourage them to sample the pleasures of reading, writing, understanding and speaking French, which will allow them to study, travel, and work in all French-speaking countries. Stimulate their curiosity, their thirst for knowledge, and enable their mobility. The DELF B1 and B2 diplomas are a pleasant and simple way to certify one's competences in French.

DELF B1

Level Description

At this level, the user is independent. They can maintain a conversation, understand and follow a discussion, and give their views and opinions. They can deal with unpredictable everyday situations.

Accreditation

DELF B1 level is accredited by the Swiss Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) for profile E of the Reformed Basic Commercial Education.

DELF B2

Level Description

The DELF B2 user has acquired a degree of independence which allows them to give reasons and explanations, defend their opinion, develop a point of view, and negotiate. At this level, the candidate communicates easily in a social discourse and can correct most of their own mistakes.

Accreditation

DELF B2 level is accredited by the Swiss Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) for profile M of the Reformed Basic Commercial Education.

“ Language diplomas are a part of any CV: the more you have, the easier it is to find an interesting job, especially in international companies. ”

Selina

“ French is a valuable language in the professional world. Think of all the potential jobs in Switzerland and other French-speaking countries. If you are proficient in French, it is easier to reach a position of responsibility in one of these countries. ”

Marie

“ For my career, French is as useful as my driving licence. When looking for a job, employers demand a good level of French, even when you work in another language most of the time. A DELF diploma is a ticket for living and working in the French-speaking world. ”

Pascal

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